

NC EAST Assistant DS Report 2025-2026

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New church plant initiatives are popping up everywhere around our District! It's been exciting to be there to support launches, planning meetings, and assessments. But mostly supporting in prayer, which is KEY to Kingdom growth.

In March I had the privilege to be a part of the Raleigh Region's Night of Worship with Love Chapel Hill. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together". I enjoyed being a part of the praise team too!

Also in March, the Regional Leaders met in Sanford and this small gathering was much needed. It was good to finally meet new pastors and their staff near my region who are faithfully navigating growth in their churches and effectively loving their communities too.

The May Day of Solitude was amazing. It is always beautiful to witness when someone experiences the Day of Solitude for the first time and sees how incredibly blessed they are by practicing this spiritual discipline for the first time.

What a great and fruitful year!

I am grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to encourage pastors and churches to continue "running the race" with patience! It has been a privilege to assist our DS Tim Jones all of our leaders in the District, especially Hispanic ministries.

In June 2025, we had a united service with all of the youth from the Hispanic Churches of NC East. This was a springboard to encourage churches to bring their youth to the Empowered Tour in October!

I worked with Pastor Santes Beatty and Pastor Dayna Carr to make a multicultural conversation available for NC East.

The Day of Solitude in September was amazing. Here are some words of testimony from some who attended: "I always hear something different from God on these days. It's a chance to just sit and listen to what He has to say." Another said: "It's nourishing and simplistic."

Also in September was the Women's Clergy Beach retreat and I had the privilege of leading worship and uniting new ministry friends of like minds!

The Empowered Tour was powerful! I led a prayer walk in Durham before the event began early Saturday morning. All ages were encouraged spiritually at this well planned event! Huge participation from our Hispanic churches!

Also in October Pastor Dahyanna and I led a women's event in Spanish which was held at Victory Mountain Camp. This was a refreshing time in God's presence and we got to know one another better!

In December I enjoyed my own day of solitude, praying for pastors in our District. God bless VMC! What a great place for a prayer walk!

Pastors, please let me know if I can assist you in any way. Remember our District can help you if you are due for a sabbatical.